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Junior Rangers Explore, Learn, Protect

Park introduces new kids activity booklet for National Junior Ranger Day

VALLEY FORGE, Pa.—“Explore, learn, protect” is the motto of the Junior Rangers, and that’s exactly what children ages 3 to 12 will do on Saturday, April 26, at Valley Forge National Historical Park in King of Prussia, Pa.

To celebrate National Junior Ranger Day, the Park will host a host of ranger-led activities and demonstrations from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Junior Rangers program encourages children to explore the Park’s natural and cultural resources and interact with Park staff.

“The kids will learn about Washington at his Headquarters,” said Deputy Park Superintendent Barbara Pollarine. “And at the Muhlenberg Brigade’s encampment area they’ll get a glimpse of what it was like to be a soldier in the Continental Army.”

Park rangers will also give informal talks and assist the children with the completion of activities in the park’s new Junior Ranger activity booklet, available at the Welcome Center, Varnum’s Quarters and other sites throughout the Park.

The free age-appropriate booklet is the first update to the Park’s Junior Ranger program in 20 years. Children earn a Junior Ranger Badge for completing the booklet and a bonus “Junior Ranger Day 2008” patch for visiting each site.

Part of National Park Week, the program is one of 297 across the country and is designed to provide participants the flexibility to see and interact with the park at their own pace and within the limits of their own time, while becoming part of the National Park Service family.

About Valley Forge National Historical Park

Valley Forge National Historical Park is a national icon of the American Revolution that serves as a place where visitors enjoy, understand, care for, and preserve America’s history and natural heritage. The Park offers an engaging, complete educational and recreational experience, providing an important piece of the American story in a beautiful, historical, preserved landscape. To learn more visit www.nps.gov/vafo.

About Valley Forge Convention and Visitors Bureau

The Valley Forge Convention and Visitors Bureau, Ltd. is a nonprofit, membership-based sales and marketing organization that aggressively promotes the Valley Forge area and Montgomery County as a convention site and leisure visitor destination by encouraging patronage of its 500-plus member hotels, restaurants, attractions and services. The Bureau’s web site, www.valleyforge.org, serves visitors, residents, meeting planners and tour operators.

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